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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - ARGENTINE POSITION

REF: A. STATE 038418, B. GENEVA 1154

1. MISSION CONVEYED U.S. POSITION CONTAINED REFTEL A TO ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ FEBRUARY 22. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BEING INFORMED AND STATED HE CONCLUDED THAT U.S. NOT PLANNING TO TAKE LEAD IN TABLING RESOLUTION ON ARGENTINA IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. MISOFF RESPONDED THAT THIS CERTAINLY SEEMED TO BE IMPLICATION OF MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON.

2. HE STATED THAT TO BE SURE THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING HE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPOND IN STRONG TERMS IF U.S. "SUPPORTED RESOLUTION DIRECTED AGAINST ARGENTINA." HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT HE CONSIDERED WOULD FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY, BUT REMAINDER OF HIS REMARKS SUGGESTED THAT EVEN A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THIS LIGHT. HE ASSERTED THAT "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES" WOULD  
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ARGENTINA ACCEPT INVESTIGATION BY HRC.

3. CONCERNING NATURE OF HIS RESPONSE IF WE SUPPORTED RESOLUTION "AGAINST ARGENTINA," HE STATED HE WOULD STRESS FACT THAT U.S. HAD ACCEPTED NONE REPEAT NONE OF 1511 DEPARTURE FROM ARGENTINA AFTER HCR APPEAL OF JUNE 22, 1976 DESPITE FACT THAT ARGENTINA HAD PROPOSED SEVERAL

HUNDRED POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD REPORT THAT U.S. AND ARGENTINA SERVICES SCREENING SUCH REFUGEES WERE WORKING VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER. HE SEEMED TO CONSIDER THAT THIS COOPERATION WOULD SOMEHOW BE INCONSISTENT WITH POSITION U.S. MIGHT TAKE IN HRC AND WOULD EMBARRASS U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

4. HE ALSO EXPRESSED GREAT DISPLEASURE THAT SIX-MAN ARGENTINE GROUP (INCLUDING BROTHER OF CHI GUEVARA), WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING PART OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, WAS PARTICIPATING IN HRC MEETINGS, WAS HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCES IN GENEVA AND WAS IN CONTACT WITH U.S. DELEGATE TO HRC.

5. COMMENT: A NUMBER OF PRIVATE ARGENTINE CITIZENS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ARGENTINE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS AND CIRCULATE FREELY IN THE HALLS AND LOUNGES OF THE PALAIS. THESE PERSONS HAVE OCCASIONALLY SPOKEN WITH MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, AS HAVE PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH NUMEROUS OTHER PRIVATE AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO OBSERVE THE SESSIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IN GENERAL OUR HRC DELEGATION MEMBERS FOLLOW THE POLICY OF BEING FREELY APPROACHABLE TO ANY WHO ASK TO SPEAK WITH THEM.CATTO

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